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Promotion and protection of human rights

Report of the Third Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2010, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fifth session the item entitled:

"Promotion and protection of human rights:

"(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

"(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

"(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

"(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action"

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. An account of the Third Committee's consideration of the item is given in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Letter dated 24 August 2010 from the representative of Brazil to the President of the General Assembly (A/65/336)

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Implementation of human rights instruments

Report of the Human Rights Committee on its ninety-seventh, ninety-eighth and ninety-ninth sessions[1]

Report of the Committee against Torture on its forty-third and forty-fourth sessions[2]

Report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families on its eleventh and twelfth sessions[3]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (A/65/94)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/65/265)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the chairs of the human rights treaty bodies on their twenty-second meeting (A/65/190)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on an evaluation of the use of additional meeting time by the human rights treaty bodies (A/65/317)

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Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (A/65/119)

Report of the Secretary-General on the promotion and protection of human rights, including ways and means to promote the human rights of migrants (A/65/156)

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (A/65/171)

Report of the Secretary-General on protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/65/224)

Report of the Secretary-General on the draft programme of activities for the International Year for People of African Descent (A/65/227 and Add.1)

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/65/40), vols. I and II.

[2] Ibid., *Supplement No. 44* (A/65/44).

[3] Ibid., *Supplement No. 48* (A/65/48).

Report of the Secretary-General on the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (A/65/257)

Report of the Secretary-General on combating defamation of religions (A/65/263)

Report of the Secretary-General on moratoriums on the use of the death penalty (A/65/280 and Corr.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on missing persons (A/65/285)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Ombudsman, mediator and other national human rights institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights (A/65/340)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (A/65/369)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education (A/65/162)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (A/65/207)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants (A/65/222)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders (A/65/223)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on the issue of human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation (A/65/254)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (A/65/255)

Note by the Secretary-General on the right to development (A/65/256)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/65/258)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty (A/65/259)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights (A/65/260 and Corr.1)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living and on the right to non-discrimination in this context (A/65/261)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (A/65/273)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers (A/65/274)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food (A/65/281)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of his Representative on the human rights of internally displaced persons (A/65/282 and Corr.1)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression (A/65/284)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on minority issues on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (A/65/287)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children (A/65/288)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of his Special Representative on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises (A/65/310)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (A/65/321)

Note by the Secretary-General on the final evaluation of the implementation of the first phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education (A/65/322)

Note by the Secretariat on the report of the Working Group on the Right to Development on its eleventh session (A/65/87)

Item 68 (c)
Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/65/367)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/65/370)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (A/65/391)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 (A/65/331)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (A/65/364)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/65/368)

Letter dated 20 October 2010 from the representative of Myanmar to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/65/2)

Item 68 (d)
Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights[4]

II. Consideration of a draft decision proposed by the Chair

4. At its 52nd meeting, on 23 November, on the proposal of the Chair, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of a number of documents considered in connection with the question of human rights (see para. 5).

[4] Ibid., *Supplement No. 36* (A/65/36).

III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

5. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Reports considered by the General Assembly in connection with the promotion and protection of human rights

The General Assembly takes note of the following reports submitted under the item entitled "Promotion and protection of human rights":

Under sub-item (a):

(a) Report of the Human Rights Committee on its ninety-seventh, ninety-eighth and ninety-ninth sessions;[1]

(b) Report of the Committee against Torture on its forty-third and forty-fourth sessions;[2]

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;[3]

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;[4]

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the chairs of the human rights treaty bodies on their twenty-second meeting;[5]

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on an evaluation of the use of additional meeting time by the human rights treaty bodies;[6]

(g) Note by the Secretary-General on the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;[7]

Under sub-item (b):

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the promotion and protection of human rights, including ways and means to promote the human rights of migrants;[8]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights;[9]

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[3] A/65/94.
[4] A/65/265.
[5] A/65/190.
[6] A/65/317.
[7] A/65/381.
[8] A/65/156.
[9] A/65/369.

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education;[10]

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants;[11]

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders;[12]

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on the issue of human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation;[13]

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(k) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers;[18]

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(m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression;[20]

(n) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on minority issues on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities;[21]

[10] A/65/162.
[11] A/65/222.
[12] A/65/223.
[13] A/65/254.
[14] A/65/255.
[15] A/65/256.
[16] A/65/260 and Corr.1.
[17] A/65/261.
[18] A/65/274.
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(q) Note by the Secretary-General on the final evaluation of the implementation of the first phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education;[24]

(r) Note by the Secretariat on the report of the Working Group on the Right to Development on its eleventh session;[25]

Under sub-item (c):

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;[26]

Under sub-item (d):

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.[27]

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[22] A/65/288.
[23] A/65/310.
[24] A/65/322.
[25] A/65/87.
[26] A/65/331.
[27] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 36* (A/65/36).